

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 03768/09314 (14300)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Jimenez, <i>et al.</i>)	Group Art Unit: 1731
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Serial No.: 09/734,097)	Examiner: José A. Fortuna
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Filed: December 11, 2000)	Deposit Account: 50-2548
For: Opacity Enhancement of Tissue)	
Products With Thermally)	
Expandable Microspheres)	

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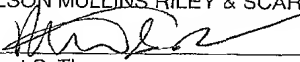
REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 13, 2002 a Notice of Appeal was filed in this case on February 6, 2003, together with the required three-month extension of time request and fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to extend the period of response to February 13, 2003. The Notice of Appeal was received by the USPTO on February 11, 2003, thus making the Appeal Brief due on April 11, 2003. Therefore, a three-month extension of time is being requested hereby and the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R § 1.17 is being filed herewith to make the present Request for Continued Examination due on July 11, 2003.

Please charge any additional fees required by this request to Deposit Account
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June 25, 2003
Date

Respectfully requested,
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